

# Carillon

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON**  
A welcoming, caring family of faith

**February 2010**

## **Winter Disciple Class – Invitation to the Old Testament**

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**A**n 8 Week course designed to give you the framework to better understand the Old Testament. Introductory meeting – Sunday January 31 at 9AM. Course begins (Thursday) February 4th, from 1:00-2:30 PM. The facilitators, Bob Kosobud and Ellen Kantroski, invite you to join them for this wonderful journey into the beginnings of our faith.

By the end of this brief course, you and your Disciple group will have studied and discussed a framework by which to better understand the Old Testament, its linkage to the New Testament, and its relevance to us today. Note that this is a survey course with moderate readings. We don't read the entire Old Testament.

You will learn about the evolution of Hebrew faith based upon the then current needs of the community, the growing understanding of and trust in God that evolved over 4000 years, how the Canon was eventually compiled, written, and how new findings from the Dead Sea Scrolls continue to add clarity and meaning.

Each 1½-hour segment will begin with about twenty minutes of fascinating video that presents the segment's message with archeological, historical, and political context that brings the stories to life. This will be followed by about an hour of group discussion based on pre-readings and each week's video.

Sign up Sundays in Fellowship Hall, on line at our website, or call the church office. Cost is \$20

**Presbyterian Church of  
Barrington  
Vision Statement**

*Created by God as a welcoming, caring family of faith, we...*

*...worship God joyfully, guided and challenged by Scripture and the proclamation of Christ's gospel;*

*...serve those in need, inspiring and equipping one another to respond to God's call;*

*...support each individual's journey of faith through lifelong learning, Christian fellowship and prayer; and*

*...share this spiritual home with all, drawing others to faith in Jesus Christ and reflecting the everlasting love of God.*

**Thanks For Your Help:** Jack and Jinny Train and Sandi Crewe for assembling the January Carillon.

### **Becoming a Church Member**

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with **Dr. Curtis Baxter**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Two statisticians, Michael Blastland and Andrew Dilnot have written a book entitled, *The Numbers Game: The Commonsense Guide to Understanding Numbers in the News, In Politics, and in Life*. In this work, the authors point out that you and I expect numbers to do too much. We like the precision of numbers and want to believe that statistics can tell us all we need to know about the world. Often they don't.

Here are two examples. Unemployment statistics were not precise because the definition of unemployed changed 30 times during the Thatcher years in England. A small town in England believed that the high incidence of cancer in the town was the result of a cell phone tower. The villagers tore it down in the middle of the night. What they did not know is that cancer clusters occur just as a coin tossed 30 times will probably produce at least one sequence of four heads or four tails. What we need to remember is that a pattern doesn't always proclaim an objective reality. That was true in that English town.

Here is where I paid close attention: "Uncertainty is a fact of life," the authors say, "even if it's a given of human nature to look for meaning where there isn't any." As an example, the growth of fundamentalism was the result of an inability to live with uncertainty, and so millions bought into "easy certainty." Bad religion places reasons on events where there is no reason or pattern.

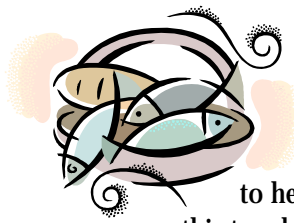
Remember these concise warnings: numbers are tidy, but life is not. Up and down happens. You can't see wholes through keyholes. Easy shocks are easily wrong.

Pax,

**Curt Baxter**

## Mission

### Loaves and Fishes



The FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville thanks everyone at PCB for their generous donations. We will continue this ministry to help those who have suffered in

this tough economic time. You may place your donations in the baskets in the Narthex – the food pantry is in need of non perishable canned and packaged foods as well as paper towels, bathroom tissue, diapers, toothpaste and dog and cat food. If you wish to send a cash donation, the mailing address is FISH Food Pantry, P O Box 102, Carpentersville, IL 60110. Coordinator: **Gerry Nadig**.

### Meals With Wheels

Did you resolve to become more involved in the community in 2010? For over 20 years The Presbyterian Church of Barrington has joined with other churches and community groups to provide senior citizens in our community with Meals With Wheels. More drivers are needed. How about you? Check these Frequently Asked Questions and if you have others, contact **Angie Smith or Audrey Helminiak**.

How often does PCB provide this service?  
We drive two days a month--the second Wednesday and the fourth Friday. Each day we need three drivers.

How often would I drive?  
You set your schedule. If you can only drive in the summer or only on Friday, we can accommodate your

needs. Rarely is anyone asked to drive more than once a month. We ask for volunteers via e-mail or phone.

How long does it take?  
Typically you are asked to make 3 to 4 stops within the Barrington area. It usually takes about an hour.

How do I find the clients?  
Drivers are given directions to each house.

What about training?  
An experienced driver will take you along on your first outing.

Men are encouraged to participate. Some of our most faithful drivers are retired men. Please contact Angie or Audrey with questions or to express an interest in this important ministry.

### Pancake Breakfast

March 7, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Enjoy pancakes, sausages, beverages and fellowship, while you help the Youth Mission Team raise funds for the 2010 Youth Mission Trip. "Make Your Own Mickey/Minnie Pancakes" will once again be offered. Adults \$7, Children ages 3 – 10 \$5. Family price \$20. Children under 3 eat free! Come and support your youth mission team as they prepare to serve the church family – both here and in the world.



## Stephen Ministry

### THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD



A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some

disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet, so she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the world are:

1. To see
2. To taste
3. To touch
4. To hear."

She hesitated a little, and then added,

5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. To love

The room was so full of silence you could have heard a pin drop.

Those things we overlook as simple and ordinary are truly wondrous. This is a gentle reminder that the most precious things in life cannot be bought...but are gifts from above. (James 1:17)

Let's remember that love is not just for the month of February, but for the whole year and the whole of God's creation.

(The above is taken directly from Mikey's Funnies, a thought-provoking and sometimes humorous website (<http://www.mikeysfunnies.com>). Mike Atkinson encourages his readers to share the Funnies with others.)

Please call **Curt Baxter, Dawn Haeger or Dan Spike** at **847/381-0975, Julie Brown or Nancy Nadig** to learn how Stephen Ministry can help you, a family member or a friend in the community.

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### February Meeting



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

Our next meeting will be on February 4, coffee at 9:15 a.m.; meeting at 9:35 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. The Valentine Care Packs will be assembled immediately following the BPW meeting around 10:45. All are welcome to help us get the packs in the mail later that morning! If you want to contribute to the Valentine Care Packs, please bring your donation to the church by Sunday, January 31. Thank you.

### Morning Bible Study

Rev. Dawn Haeger is leading our Horizons Bible study this year, "Joshua: A Journey of Faith." We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the church Parlor. Our next meeting will be **February 10** – we'll now start at 9:15 for food and fellowship with Bible study starting at 9:30 am. **Paige Unangst** is the coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

G.T.I.F. (Growing Together in Faith) is a women's evening Bible Study that meets monthly on the third Tuesday. We have begun a new study, "Psalms, Prayers of the Heart." Come join us at our meeting on Tuesday **February 16** at 7:00 p.m. We meet in various members' homes throughout the year. All are welcome! Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

### Women with Aging Parents

The Women with Aging Parents support group has changed its meeting time to the third Wednesday of the month. Therefore the February meeting will be February 17, 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Anyone who is interested is welcome. Call **Marge Slocum** for more information.

### Book Club

Book Club meets every other month (starting in September), on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the home of a member. Our next meeting will be held on February 18. For more information, please contact **Sally Moore**.

### Save the Date for the White Breakfast! March 31, 2010

All members of the church and their guests are invited to attend the White Breakfast.

This has been an annual event at PCB since 1976, when Dorothy Ruge brought this meaningful tradition from her previous church in Michigan.

Join your church family at 9:30 for meditation and reflection, followed by a breakfast served in Fellowship Hall. More information will be in next month's Carillon, so for now - just mark your calendars!!

### Shawl Ministry

We meet the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet prayer shawls for members of our congregation and community. Our next meeting is **February 17** in the Parlor. No knitting or crocheting experience is necessary; we will gladly help you get started. Please join us in this worthwhile outreach ministry to those in our congregation and also others who need to be surrounded in our love and prayers. For more information about this ministry and our next meeting date, please contact **Linda Neton**.

### May Baskets

BPW is seeking donations for May Baskets to be given to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. This is a home for women and children who need temporary shelter due to domestic violence. While you are traveling, save some personal travel-sized grooming items. Other suggestions are new blank journals and pens, stamps, small colorful umbrellas, bath and shower gels, make-up and make-up bags. Please drop items in the marked bin by the



coat rack at the church. We will assemble the baskets after the May BPW meeting. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Call **Ginger Glantz** for more information.

## Deacons

### Deacon's Corner, Alexandra Bernardi

A new year is upon the deacons as well.



We have welcomed new deacons in to our midst: Amy Carder is taking over parish 13 from Audrey Helminiak. Jessica Neton is responsible for parish 10 which was Anneke Chamy's parish; who is also our outgoing moderator. Anneke did a phenomenal job leading us and keeping us organized as we transitioned how we conducted our duties for our parishes. Marlene Peterson is taking over Sally Kilham's parish 7 and Michelle Petersen is stepping up in parish 12 which was LaVerne Sams'. Finally Glenn Powers is now responsible for parish 2, formerly Jackie Clarke's. I want to thank all the outgoing deacons for their hard work and dedication.

As the incoming deacon moderator I have big shoes to fill. But I am hopeful that under Dawn Haeger's guidance and with a great team of fellow deacons I can grow and achieve our goals. I've also made some new year's resolutions that relate to my moderator duties: Take a fresh look at things! We will start with "Food Served with Love" which the deacons took over from BPW last year. This is a wonderful program and there is a continual need for it. Starting in February we will have some new procedures in place to make it easier for those preparing food, delivering food and for the storage of it! We now also have a deacon flower arranger who has reworked the sanctuary flower distribution together with the flower coordinator. We are off to a good start! Please, get to know your (new) deacons...as they will do the same. Reach out to them even if you have no specific need...but if there is something we can take care of for you, please do let us know.

## Rev. Haeger's Letter

### Making Disciples

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (*Mt. 28:19-20*)

Baptizing young children is always a special moment in the life of a congregation. It is a time of great joy and for parents, an occasion of looking forward to future celebrations in the life of their son or daughter. Rarely do we consider what it means for the life of our faith community.

Each time we baptize a person in the Presbyterian Church, we ask the congregation to affirm the question, "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture (Name) by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him/her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?"

Just what is it we are agreeing to in this question? What does it mean to guide and nurture someone so

they may know and follow Christ and become a faithful member of his church? It's a pretty tall order; how in the world are we supposed to do that? Of course, it is the hope that each of the ministries we are involved in throughout the life of the congregation encourages men, women and children to know and follow Christ. But of all the ministries available in the life of the church, it is in worship where all of God's people are gathered together for the express purpose of praising God and learning how to follow Christ in word and deed.

Our Presbyterian *Book of Order* states it this way, "Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed...In Jesus Christ, the Church is a royal priesthood in which worship is the work of everyone. The people of God are called to participate in the common ministry of worship. No one shall be excluded from participation or leadership in public worship in the Lord's house on the grounds of race, color, class, age, sex, or handicapping condition" (W-1.001, W-1.4003).

We here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington are blessed with many young children in our midst. There are many congregations that can't claim even one or two; they are dying. Children in our midst are a blessing and a sign of life. They are also our responsibility to nurture with love and prayer, thus encouraging them to grow into their discipleship of Jesus Christ.

I know that children can sometimes be less than perfectly quiet or always attentive to the pastor's message (something none of us have ever had to struggle with,) but it is within the faith community that

children and adults learn the radical message of the gospel. You are accepted and loved simply because you are a child of God. You are important; we are not complete without you. So the next time you see children in the pew ahead of you give thanks to God for their presence and be sure to say an extra prayer for them and their families that their experience of worship may draw them closer to God and more committed to their walk with Christ.

Blessings, Dawn

## Christian Education

### Youth Ministry



#### Sledding:

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to an afternoon of food, fun and laughter. On Monday, **February 15** (Presidents' Day), we will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Fox River

Grove *Panera Bread* (730 Northwest Hwy.) for lunch. Following our meal, we'll head over to a rockin' hill for some sledding. We'll finish up at 3:00 p.m.

### 5/6 Grade Lock-in

#### February 5 - 6

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this event! It starts at 7pm Friday, February 5 and ends 13 hours later at 8am Saturday morning. Your life is about to change. Your world will be turned upside down. And those will happen just in the opening games. The rest of the night is filled with activities that challenge you to look at the world you will inherit and how God is calling you to help people. Watch your mail for details. Friends welcome!

### Dinner & Vespers



On **Feb 27** you are invited to a delicious dinner at **5 p.m.** served by our youth. This dinner is a fundraiser for their summer mission trip to Louisville, KY. The cost is \$9 per person and \$5 for children age 7 and under. \$30 covers your entire family. To register, call the church office or sign up in Fellowship Hall following worship on Feb 14 and 21.

Following dinner at 6 p.m. Dawn Haeger will be preaching at our evening Communion service.

### All Parents Invited

Dr. Ken Ginsburg, nationally recognized pediatrician specializing in Adolescent Medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and an associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, discusses his book, *Building Resilience in Children and Teens* at 7 p.m. on Thursday, **Feb. 25** at Barrington High School.

Dr. Ginsburg will speak about the ways parents can help their children learn competence, character and coping strategies to deal with the challenges of life.

For those who would like to attend the lecture together, you are invited for pizza here at the church at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person for dinner. **Please let Dawn know by Feb 22 if you plan to attend.**

## 5th & 6th Grade Parent-Child Dinner and Class

### “What Presbyterians Believe”

**Sunday, February 21 5:00 – 7:00pm**

After sharing a meal, we will begin to investigate what Presbyterians believe about worship, scripture and everyday faith. We will learn about the Reformation and how that still defines us today. Through games, music and other fun activities, we will learn more about our religious identity.

## 7th/8th Grade WhirlyBall Lock-in February 19 - 20



What is Whirlyball? It is an amazing sport that involves jai alai, basketball backboards and bumper cars. Don't miss it! Friends are welcome. Watch your mail for details and forms.

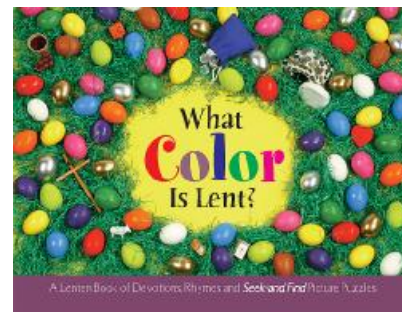
## EATING CHOCOLATE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



(Now that we have your attention)

**DON'T FORGET** to return your M&M tubes filled with quarters by **February 14th** in the M&M bin at church. This is a fundraising effort in support of the 2010 Youth Mission Triennium Trip to Louisville, KY and then to Purdue Campus, Indiana. In case you already ate your M&Ms and threw away the tube – don't worry- the quarters add up to approximately \$14.

## Lenten Devotions

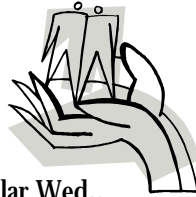


Devotional booklets are available in the literature rack near Fellowship Hall. *What Color is Lent?* is a family devotion that encourages children to search through beautiful, richly detailed photos for hidden objects which tell the story of our salvation. A devotion, a rhyming riddle and a search activity for each day of Lent all lead to Jesus, the cross and beyond Easter. *From Fear to Love* offers Lenten reflections from the writings of Henri Nouwen on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

## Fellowship

### Kitchen Kabinet

Kitchen Kabinet members have been invited to join the ladies of the BPW at their Winter Program and Lunch on Tuesday, **Feb. 2** at 11 AM at Makray Golf Course. Ticket cost is \$35. Barbara Rinella performs *The Commoner*, a historical novel about the common woman who marries the Crown Prince of Japan. Reservations: **Claudia Gerrard** or **Betsy Rubak**. The regular Wed., **Feb. 10** lunch/meeting will be at Biltmore at 11:30 as usual. Let **Bob Johnson**, know if you plan to attend.



### Card Party

Annual Card Party, **February 20**: Want to enjoy some warm Christian Fellowship on a cold winter's evening? Then make plans to join us at the PCB Annual Card Party - Saturday, **February 20th** from 5:00 p.m. until...whenever! Location: Emmett's Tavern & Brewing Company, 128 West Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118. Dinner will be served, and there will be a cash bar. No card-playing experience is necessary - the game is easier than "Hearts", and more fun! There will be some great prizes to win, too. Cost is \$28.00/person. Space is limited, so to reserve a spot, sign up in Fellowship Hall after the service starting in mid-January, or e-mail **Dave Zimmer** at. Hope to see you there!

### Men's Fellowship Group

The February meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be held on **February 18, 2010** at 6:30 PM. The location will be determined at the January meeting. Please reply by February 16 at 9 PM to **Tom Long**.

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## Music

### *Sing a New Creation!* coming to Sunday morning worship.

Beginning in Lent we will be adding the green hymnal, *Sing a New Creation!*, to our Sunday morning worship. Initially the green hymnals were purchased for the Saturday evening Vespers, and have been enjoyed during those services over the past year. We hope that by adding the new hymnal to Sunday morning worship, we will enhance worship with a broader and more diverse selection of hymns. If you have any questions, please contact Music Director, Kirsten Hedegaard.

### February Music

- Feb. 7 *Whoever Would be Great Among You* Ronald Nelson  
 Feb. 14 *Oh, Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* Drummond Wolff  
 Feb. 21 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* John Ferguson  
 Feb. 28 *Thy Holy Wings* Bradley Ellingboe



### Sundays-at-Four presents Great Composers Series Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Missa Brevis in B-flat* 4:00, Sunday, February 21, 2010

The Sanctuary Choir will be joined by a professional orchestra as they perform Mozart's beautiful and intimate work, *Missa Brevis in B-flat*. The Bell Choir and Children's Chorus will also participate with additional works by this great master composer.

## Parish Life

### Celebration for Rev. Spike

Come Celebrate the Ministry of Rev. Dan Spike at a luncheon in his honor Sunday **Feb. 28**, from 11:30 – 2:00 in



Fellowship Hall. Seating is limited to 240. We ask for you to RSVP to the church office **847-381-0975** or e-mail by February 15, 2010. Child care will be available.

We invite you to write a card or note of well wishes, stories you have of times spent with Dan. We will collect these in a Memory Box. They can be dropped off on any Sunday in February. The box will be on top of the piano in fellowship Hall.

We need volunteers to bake cookies or finger desserts for the occasion. Volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up and serving are also needed. If you would like to help, please contact **Paige Unangst**.

### Chancel Guild

Chancel Guild thanks all who have donated to the



Sunday Flower Fund. The floral arrangements which grace our Chancel each Sunday can be in honor of or in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

If you would like to dedicate the flowers for a particular Sunday, please complete the form and send or bring it to the church office with a check for \$35. Your dedication will be in the bulletin on the Sunday of your choice.

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## Church Administration

### TRUSTEES CORNER

#### “The Budget”

Like every ongoing operation big or small, our church must go through an annual budget process, examining our plans and ongoing needs in light of our realistic expectation of our ability to fulfill them. The budget is the responsibility of the Session, but involves the intimate participation of our professional staff, all committees, and Trustees. They have completed this lengthy, intensive and often painful process and will be presenting the 2010 budget for Presbyterian Church of Barrington to you for your consideration very shortly.

Sometimes we, like you, may wonder about the value or usefulness of certain line items in a given budget. You should be comforted by the fact that many people have been asked to control costs in our “operation” in light of our limited resources and the current economic climate.

Be assured that every line item has been examined by Session, with



the assistance of others including the Trustees. We hope that as you review this budget you will come to agree with us that any “fat” has been pared from the bones. At the end of this review we are convinced that operating costs are at a minimum. For this our volunteers, but particularly our paid staff, are to be greatly commended.

Some examples of their cost control efforts are as follows:

\*\*Utilities costs will actually decrease this year, due to both rate reduction for natural gas and our conservation practices (“turn off the lights!”.)

\*\*Increases for staff salaries have been severely curtailed.

\*\*Selected line items, such as tree care, have been deleted due to the very successful Work Days coordinated by your Trustees. Look for future dates in the spring.

\*\*Some 40,000 fewer sheets of paper were used in 2009 than in years prior.

\*\*A planned electronic version of the Carillon will save hundreds of dollars in printing and mailing costs.

\*\*Aggressive negotiation of our snow and lawn contracts by Trustees has resulted in no increase in costs.

\*\*Examination of our insurance policies by Trustees has resulted in several thousands of dollars of cost saving.

Above all, countless hours of volunteer work have been donated by, in turn, countless dedicated members, inspired by their love of God and our church along with their wish for this to be a force in our lives and in our world community.

So at the end of the day we ask for your prayers for our church and for your earnest consideration of how important your church is to you and how you too may become a part of this ministry.

## Worship Schedule

- Feb. 7** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Are We Worthy?*  
Readings: Isa.6:1-8; Ps.138; 1 Cor.15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.
- Feb. 13** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Spike Preaching
- Feb. 14** Rev. Haeger Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Coming Down from the Mountain*  
Readings: Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36.
- Feb. 17** Ash Wednesday .....7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 21** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Thy Mystery of Sin*  
Readings: Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.
- Feb. 27** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Haeger Preaching  
*Withered Hands or Withered Hearts*  
Readings: Psalm 31 & Mark 2:23-3:6
- Feb. 28** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*The Fox and the Hen*  
Readings: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.



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